(c) Action against Petrol Pumps found guilty of malpractices/ irregularities is taken by the oil companies under the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

Dealerships for Petroleum Products

2108. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria/norms fixed by Government for opening petrol/diesel and LPG dealership in the country;

(b) the details of petrol/diesel and LPG dealership set up during the Ninth Plan in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the details of these dealership proposed to be set up in the different parts of the country during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) After dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the oil marketing companies in the public sector have freedom to frame their own marketing plans for setting up of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships at various locations in the country, provided that the locations meet certain norms like commercial viability and non-encroachment of the existing retail outlets. There is no co-relation between the Five Year Plans and the marketing plans of the oil companies.

Domestic Production of crude oil

2109. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the share of imports of crude oil *vis-a-vis* the total production thereof at the end of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth five Year Plans;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to increase